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\*\* NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. I have just received the bad news that there has been a major fire at our Bonaire relay station. Apparently the diesel generators have been totally destroyed, meaning there is no power to run the station. I am not sure yet whether any of the transmitters have been damaged. Clearly this is a major incident and there is no chance of the station getting back on the air in the short term. The good news is that I understand nobody has been injured. I am sure that my colleagues at RN will be working as fast as they can to work out an alternative schedule. The problem is exacerbated by it being Easter weekend, with people away - not everyone knows yet. As soon as I have any further news I will post it here. (Andy Sennitt, Radio Netherlands, April 23, swprograms via DXLD)

Terrible news! So that is why no 15565 from Belgium when checked at 2230 Sunday. But RN Spanish usual Bonaire frequencies 11715 and 15315 were very good, and synchronized; Flevo spare capacity. Announcement at 2324 said 15315 would continue via Flevo, perhaps weaker in target areas than usual. The English broadcast at 2330 was on 9845 but not 6165. At end of news they said Bonaire station had been destroyed by fire and services to the Americas, West Africa, Australia and New Zealand would be disrupted for some time. I expect RN and other Bonaire clients may be showing up from strange places, maybe IBB USA sites, and will try to appear on as many of the scheduled frequencies as possible. So far there is no mention of this on the homepage <http://www.rnw.nl> (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) ###